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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005.

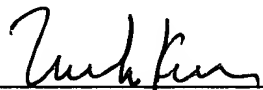
The rejection of claims 5 - 7 and 12, the claims under consideration in this application with claims 1- 4 and 8 - 11 standing withdrawn from consideration, under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hur et al (US 2004/0232853A1) is traversed as being improper, in that the title page of the publication incorrectly lists the international PCT filing date for PCT/KR02/01213 as June 25, 2001, whereas the correct international filing date is June 25, 2002, as shown by the attached cover sheet for the published PCT application which is International Publication No. WO 03/001550 A3. As indicated therein, the international filing date for PCT/KR02/01213 is June 25, 2002, with priority dates for such PCT application including dates of June 25, 2001, October 22, 2001 and November 6, 2001.

While the cited Hur et al publication may be entitled to the PCT international filing date, the date listed on the publication of June 25, 2001 is incorrect and is June 25, 2002 as apparent from the cover sheet of the International Publication No. WO 03/001550 A3 and the attached copy of the declaration submitted in the Hur et al application which indicates that the application was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/KR02/01213 on 25 June 2002. Since the earliest date under 35 USC 102(e) to which the Hur et al publication is entitled is June 25, 2002, and the US filing date of this application (Serial No. 09/942,618) is August 31, 2001, it is apparent that Hur et al is not properly utilizable in rejecting claims under 35 USC 102(e) and the rejection necessarily falls. Accordingly, discussion of such publication is considered unnecessary.

Since the only rejection in the office action is based on Hur et al under 35 USC 102(e) and since such rejection is improper, applicants submit that claims 5 - 7 and 12, which are under consideration herein should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of an action of a favorable nature is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.40560X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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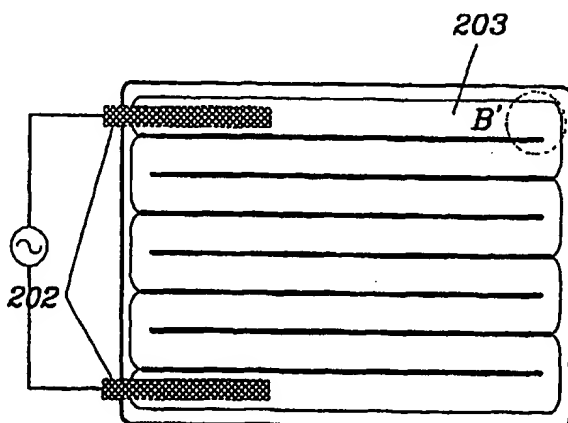
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an external electrode fluorescent lamp which can provide higher degree of and more improved uniformity of brightness than those of conventional ones, and to a LCD back light unit using the external electrode fluorescent lamp. The present invention also relates to an equipment and a driving device to adapt the LCD back light unit. The external electrode fluorescent lamp of the present invention is comprising: an upper panel of lamp which is serpentine shaped; a lower panel which is planar shaped and to be combined with the upper panel to make channels between the upper panel and the lower panel; and external electrodes which are located at the two extreme sides of the surface of the upper panel.

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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

External electrode fluorescent lamp, backlight unit using the external electrode fluorescent lamp,
LCD backlight equipment using the backlight unit and driving device thereof

The specification of which

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- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was received on December 17, 2003
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(if applicable)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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